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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/173,129
Filing Date	October 15, 1998
First Named Inventor	Park
Group Art Unit	2814
Examiner Name	Peralta, Ginette
Attorney Docket Number	TI-25320

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SBI/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000), Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Extension of Time, Fee Transmittal

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-0668
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) ; 12/05/2000 STEFFERA 00000083 200668 09173129
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:179 710.00 CH
- iii. ☒ Other additional claims (4 dependent)
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Name (Print/Type)	Alan Lintel	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	32,478
Signature	<i>Alan Lintel</i>	Date	November 28, 2000

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Park et al	Group Art Unit: 2814
Application No.: 09/173,129	Examiner: Peralta, G.
Filed: 10/15/98	I certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to : Commissioner For Patents, Box RCE, Washington, D.C. 20231 on <u>11/28/00</u>
Title: Selective Oxidation for Semiconductor Device Fabrication	<u>Alan Lintel</u> Alan Lintel, Reg. No., 32,478
Attorney Docket No.: TI-25320	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 5, 2000, please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims

1 (Twice Amended). A method of fabricating, in a semiconductor processing chamber, an electrical device formed in a semiconductor substrate, said method comprising:

forming an insulating layer over said semiconductor substrate;
forming a silicon-containing structure on said insulating layer;
forming a conductive structure on said silicon-containing structure; and
oxidizing a portion of said insulating layer and said silicon-containing structure while leaving said conductive structure substantially unoxidized by introducing O₂ and

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2001

Patent fees are subject to annual revision

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT

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Complete if Known

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METHOD OF PAYMENT

1. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:

Deposit Account Number

20-0668

Deposit Account Name

Texas Instruments Inc.

- ☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status See 37 CFR 1.27

2. ☐ Payment Enclosed:

☐ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
101	710	201	355	Utility filing fee
106	320	206	160	Design filing fee
107	490	207	245	Plant filing fee
108	710	208	355	Reissue filing fee
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee

Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims - 20** = 4 X 18 = 72

Independent Claims - 3** = X =

Multiple Dependent X =

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	80	209	40	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

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*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid		
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month	390
117	890	217	445	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	710
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) _____

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SUBTOTAL (3) (\$1100

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